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FOR: METHOD FOR RECOVERING AND PRODUCING C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>  
DICARBOXYLATE FROM ALKALINE WASTE SOLUTION GENERATED  
IN CAPROLACTAM PREPARATION PROCESS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir/Madam:

AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 2, 2003 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.